

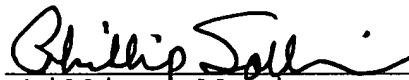


## DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

Phillip Sollami, 1200 Weaver Road, Herrin, Illinois USA declares that he is a citizen of the United States, he believes himself to be the first, original, and sole inventor of the improvement in Streamlining Bit Assemblies for Road Milling, Mining and Trenching Equipment described and claimed in his specification filed on February 2, 2004 as Ser. No. 10/770,232; that this application in part discloses and claims subject matter disclosed in his earlier filed application, Serial No. 09/825,601 (now U.S. Pat. 6,685,273 and Ser. No. 09/500,983 (now U.S. Pat. 6,371,567, that as to the subject matter of this application which is common to said earlier application; that he has reviewed and understands the contents of the above identified specification including the claims and he does not know and does not believe that the same was ever known or used before his invention thereof or patented or described in any printed publication in any country before his invention thereof more than one year prior to said earlier application, or in public use or on sale in the United States of America more than one year prior to said earlier application; that said common subject matter has not been patented before the date of said earlier application in any country foreign to the United States of America on an application filed by him or his legal representatives or assigns more than twelve months prior to said application; that he acknowledges his duty to disclose information of which he is aware which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37 CFR 1.56(a), including information occurring between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of the continuation-in-part application; and that no application for patent on said invention has been filed by him or his representatives or assigns in any country foreign to the United States of America; that as to the subject matter of this application which is not common to said earlier application, he does not know and does not believe that the same was ever known or used before his invention thereof or patented or described in any printed publication in any country before his invention thereof or more than one year prior to the date of this application, or in public use or on sale in the United States of America more than one year prior to the date of this application.

He further declares that all statements made herein of his own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that wilful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such wilful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

He hereby appoints as his attorneys James N. Videbeck, Reg. No. 27,241 with full power of substitution and revocation, to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the United States Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith. The Patent Office is requested to direct all mail to the said James N. Videbeck at Terrace Executive Center, Court C, 1 S 376 Summit Avenue, Oak Brook Terrace, Illinois 60181, (630) 627-4552.



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